

Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Exam Checklist

Documented Vessels < 40', within Coastal Waters

Vessel Name:	Number:	
BRIDGE & DOCUMENTS		
33 CFR 173 46 CFR 67	Registration/Documents/Markings: Certificate of documentation on board & valid. Name on both sides, forward part of hull, name & hailing port on stern, $\geq 4"$ letters, contrasting color. Official number permanently marked on main beam.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.165	Injury Placard: Required on all vessels.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 155.450	Oil Pollution Placard: Required on all vessels $\geq 26'$.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 151.59	MARPOL (Garbage) Placard: Required on all vessels $\geq 26'$.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Navigation Lights: During darkness and/or in or near areas of restricted visibility Side Lights (112.5°), all around white light (if $< 12m$ or $39.4'$) or Mast Head Light (225°) & Stern Light (135°). Fishing Lights: In a vertical line, one meter apart. Red over White (360°) all other than trawling; Green over White (360°) when trawling.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Dayshapes: Two black cones, apex to apex (not required on trollers).	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Sound Producing Devices: Vessels $< 12m$: Some means of making an efficient sound signal. Vessels $\geq 12m$: Whistle audible for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile & 7.9" bell.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.210	First Aid/CPR: If operating beyond the Boundary Line, requires first aid & CPR trained & certified persons on board (POB) as follows: > 3 POB, one each; > 17 POB, two each; one POB holding both certifications is acceptable. Requires "suitable" first aid kit & first aid manual.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.225	Navigation Publications: If operating beyond the Boundary Line, corrected marine charts of operating area, U. S. Coast Pilot, Coast Guard Light List, Tide & Tidal Current Tables & (if $> 12m$ or $39.4'$) copy of Inland Navigation Rules.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.230	Magnetic Compass/Compass Deviation Table: If operating beyond the Boundary Line, requires operable magnetic compass at operating station & a current compass deviation table.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.245 47 CFR 80 33 CFR 26.03 46 CFR 28.375	Communication Equipment: If operating beyond the Boundary Line, requires a VHF-FM radiotelephone (156 – 162 MHz) at the operating station, capable of operating three hours off an emergency power supply.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
47 CFR 80.405	FCC Ship Radio Station License: If operating beyond the Boundary Line, all documented vessels required to carry radio transmitting equipment are required to have on board a current FCC Ship Radio Station License.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.240	General Alarm System: If operating beyond the Boundary Line and there is an accommodation or workspace not adjacent to the operating station, requires an audible general alarm system with contact maker at the operating station; flashing red light in workspaces where the audible alarm is hard to hear (engine room), & red-letter warning signs "Attention General Alarm – When Alarm Sounds, Go To Your Station" at each bell or light. Public address system may be used if it meets criteria. Test prior to operating vessel & weekly afterwards.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.250	High Water Alarms: If $\geq 36'$ & operating beyond the Boundary Line, requires a visible & audible alarm at operating station to indicate high water in normally unmanned or non-watertight spaces (engine room, lazarette, fish hold, etc.).	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.265	Emergency Instructions: If operating beyond the Boundary Line, requires written Emergency Instructions. Must be posted if ≥ 4 POB, kept available if < 4 POB.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.270	Instructions, Drills, & Safety Orientation: If operating beyond the Boundary Line, requires master or individual-in-charge ensure monthly drills & instructions given to each person on board by a trained drill conductor. There are ten Required Drills & Instructions. Before operating vessel, persons on board who have not had drills & instruction must receive a safety orientation.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A

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46 CFR 28.235	Anchors & Radar Reflectors: If operating beyond the Boundary Line, requires radar reflector if vessels lacks strong radar signature (usually fiberglass hull vessels). Requires adequate anchor & sufficient line/cable for operating area.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
<i>LIFESAVING</i>		
46 CFR 28.145 46 CFR 28.140	Visual Distress Signals: 3 hand-held rocket-propelled parachute red flares plus six hand red flares plus three floating orange smoke distress signals.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.110 46 CFR 28.135 46 CFR 28.140	Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs): If beyond Boundary Line, one immersion suit for each person on board. In all other waters, one Type I, II, III, V or immersion suit for each person on board. Need PFD light if beyond Boundary Line; PFD marked w/name of vessel/wearer & retroreflective tape (31 sq. in.) front & back, properly maintained & stowed readily accessible.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.115 46 CFR 28.135	Ring Life Buoys: One 24" ring life buoy marked w/vessel name/number, four strips of retroreflective tape, 60' of floating line & stowed readily accessible.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.120 46 CFR 28.125 46 CFR 28.130 46 CFR 28.140	Survival Craft: If < 36', none required for warm water operations if < 4 persons on board; if ≥ 4 persons on board, buoyant apparatus required; in cold water operations, none required if < 4 persons on board, if ≥ 4 persons on board, buoyant apparatus required. If ≥ 36' & < 4 persons on board, buoyant apparatus required for both warm & cold water operations; if ≥ 4 persons on board, life float required for warm water operation & inflatable buoyant apparatus required for cold water operations. Survival craft may be stowed to float free or kept readily accessible. Buoyant apparatus & life float marked w/vessel name, four strips of retroreflective tape, 100' painter & electric light. The Fifth District Survival Craft Exemption may be advantageous during cold water operations.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
<i>ENGINE ROOM/MISCELLANEOUS</i>		
46 CFR 28.155 46 CFR 28.160 46 CFR 25.30	Portable Fire Extinguishing Equipment: Two B-I or one B-II fire extinguisher on board. Must be USCG, UL or FM approved; mounted in approved bracket; in good condition; must have pressure gauge or inspection record.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 25.35	Flame Arrestor: If using gasoline as fuel only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 25.40	Ventilation: If using gasoline as fuel only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 159.7	Marine Sanitation Device: Type I, II or III; required only if there is an installed toilet on board; Type III must be equipped to discharge ashore only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 155.330	Non-Oceangoing Vessels Able To: Retain oily mix on board & discharge to a facility.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.215	Guards for Exposed Hazards: If operating beyond the Boundary Line, requires suitable hand covers, guards, or railings in way of machinery (gearing, chain or belt drives, rotating shafts, etc.) that may injure personnel. Not to restrict access to fishing gear.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.255	Bilge Pump, Piping & Dewatering Systems: If operating beyond the Boundary Line, requires bilge pumps & piping capable of dewatering any watertight space.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A

To schedule a "no fault, no penalty" voluntary dockside examination, please contact one of these fishing vessel safety professionals:

In Maryland, call:

In Virginia, call:

In southern New Jersey, call:

In North Carolina, call

the Baltimore, MD Examiner at (410) 576-2634

the Norfolk, VA Examiner at (757) 668-5533

the Philadelphia, PA Examiner at (215) 271-4989

the Atlantic Beach, NC Examiner at (252) 247-4562